

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is canceled, and claims 2-8 remain pending. No claims are added via the present submission.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by prior art. However, as shown above, the claim is now canceled. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

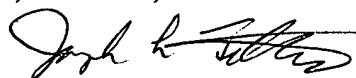
The Office Action indicates that claims 2-8 would be allowable if claims 2 and 3 are rewritten in independent form. As shown above, claims 2 and 3 are rewritten accordingly. Allowance of claims 2-8 is now solicited.

In view of the remarks above, applicant now submits that the entire application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is hereby requested. If for any reason it is believed that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is welcome to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to discuss resolution of the remaining issues.

If this paper is not timely filed, applicant petitions for an extension of time. The fee for the extension, and any other fees that may be due, may be debited from Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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